

**Question for written answer E-008949/2013
to the Commission**

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Subject: European Investment Bank (EIB) membership in the European Association of Long-Term Investors (ELTI)

In a press release dated 5 July 2013, the European Investment Bank (EIB) announced the creation of the European Association of Long-Term Investors (ELTI). The association, whose members include financial institutions under public law as well as listed banks (Banco Português de Investimento (BPI) and National Bank of Greece), is to appear in the transparency register of the European institutions and will represent 'the shared interests of its members vis-à-vis the EU institutions'.

1. To what extent is membership of the EU's own financing agency in an association representing interests vis-à-vis the EU institutions reconcilable with the EIB's Statute and EU treaties?
2. Can the EIB guarantee that the association will not be representing particular interests which go against any of the EU's public interests?